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Highlight of the Previous Chapter

Summary

A boy called Yue was born and raised at a temple on the outskirts of Utsowa. One day, he descended the mountain and went to a Festival, and there met two mysterious boys. Yue wished to become friends with them, but the Mistress of the temple, Mikoto, told him to "choose one of them and devour him."

The Story So Far

Utsowa turned out to be a "container" that Shin created for the "Maids" taken by the ayakashi. Around the time Mikoto was telling Yue that, Sagara made another appearance at Akiyoshi's home and ended up staying there. Akiyoshi, who was concerned about the possibility that Tsubaki might be attacked by an ayakashi, began to worry about the relationship between himself and Yue. The next day, a young girl ayakashi appeared before Tsubaki...!

Characters

Sagara

A mysterious young man who appeared at the silver grass field. He attacked Yue, saying he would "take back his body".

VS

Mikoto

The guardian of the Nijuu-bain who rules over the spirits in Utsowa. She was a nine-tailed white fox, but now she has eight, as she admits that Shin is her younger brother.

Akiyoshi Tachika

A second year high school student. He's the successor to a good family and is extremely allergic to pollen. He suspected that Yue was an ayakashi.

Tsuga Tsubaki

A second year high school student. He lives with his father and sister (Rina). He is a caring person. He is prone to being attacked by ayakashi.

Yue

The Main character. He's always easygoing and does things at his own pace. Although he's laid back, he is also full of curiosity.

HEHE
HEHE
SHE REALLY DID DO IT
WHAT IS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE SHADOW THAT APPROACHES TSUBAKI...?!
tap
SHE WAS EATING ALL OVER TOWN AND FOUND HER PERFECT MEAL.
I'M IMPRESSED.
THAT BOY WAS ATTACKED YESTERDAY.
YOU MEAN THE BOY CALLED "TSUBAKI"?
IT'S ONLY NATURAL EVERYONE WOULD WANT THE PERFECT MEAL

DID HE GET EATEN?
NO
IT SEEMS THAT SOMEONE HELPED HIM.
I CAN'T WAIT AROUND ANY LONGER
IF I KEEP WAITING FOR MY CHANCE, SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE HIM AWAY
SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL? YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT TODAY?
YES
THIS PLACE SHOULD BE PERFECT
HIS SISTER WILL BE AT THE KINDER-GARTEN..
SHALL I EAT HER IF SHE'S IN YOUR WAY?
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
THAT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU
EH?
I WANT TO EAT HER BROTHER

...THAT'S RIGHT.
...SUMMONING THE SHADOWS TO ATTACK ONLY THE SCHOOL AREA...
THAT'S HOW THE SEAL ON THIS TOWN CAN BE USED
SO WE'VE GOTTEN AS FAR BEING ABLE TO DO THAT?
BUT HASN'T SHE EATEN TOO MUCH?
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO HER
CAN SHE STAY THE SAME AS SHE WAS BEFORE?
I'D LIKE TO WATCH, BUT I MIGHT END UP INVOLVED TOO

SECOND EDITIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED! VOLUMES 1-2 ARE NOW ON SALE!

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Akaya Akashiya Ayakashino

A popular modern-day AKAKASHI fantasy

TALE 12
THE GIRL

ARTIST NANAO
AUTHOR Hacca Works

SHOCK
A CHILD...?
WHA...
SHE'S WEARING THE SAME UNIFORM THAT HINA DOES.
HEHE! I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU! YOU WERE ALWAYS BEING PROTECTED SO I WAITED PATIENTLY.
YOU LOOK TASTY.
WHOOSH
IS THIS GIRL AN "AKUJIKI"?!
UH...
LET GO OF ME...
BUT I...
CREAK
I'VE EATEN LOTS WITHOUT BEING FUSSY.

rustle
THAT HAS
STRON-GER...
MADE ME
rustle
I WON'T LOSE ANYMORE...
snap
crack
creak
THUD
CREEP

STAGGER
IT'S NO GOOD
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING...
I'VE GOT TO FIND SOME KIND OF OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE!
THAT GUY WON'T COME ANYMORE, SO I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING BY MYSELF...
I'LL PROTECT YOU
gulp

BUT HE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE THAT TASTY.
...THE PRINCIPAL WASN'T THE RIGHT ONE.
.....
gulp
WAS IT YOU WHO ATE THE PRINCIPAL...?
YES.
HE LOOKED TASTY TOO.

"WASN'T THE RIGHT ONE"...?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THE PERFECT MEAL"?
THE PERFECT MEAL REALLY IS SOMETHING SPECIAL...
SLIDE
BUT YOU REALLY DO LOOK TASTY...

WE CAN'T USUALLY TELL TASTY THINGS APART FROM ONE ANOTHER
"A FEAST".
..I'M SURE IT WOULD TASTE GOOD TO ANYONE.
THAT IS THE "PERFECT MEAL"
..SO YOU'RE TELLING ME I'M THAT MEAL?
HEHEHE.
..THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN CHASED BY MONSTERS THEN?
I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO TASTE LIKE.
I WONDER IF I REALLY WILL THINK YOU'RE TASTY.

creep
I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO EAT
THE PER-FECT "MEAL" THAT EVERYONE DESIRES
creep
creep
MY FEAST...
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO EAT, BROTHER.

ding dong
...HE'S LATE
HOMEROOM FOR 5R SHOULD'VE ENDED A WHILE AGO
I'D LIKE TO TELL TSUBAKI ABOUT WHAT AKAGHI SAID
sigh
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I BELIEVE IT COMPLETELY
I THINK THE FOX MASK STILL HAS A SECRET
. SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD

THERE'S NO HARM IN BEING PREPARED
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY
rummage
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I'LL USE THE TOCHIKA FAMILY'S PROTECTIVE TALISMANS...!
WHOA
OH?
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE HERE.
step
SO I SUPPOSE I STILL NEED PRACTICE WITH THE BARRIER.
sway
sway
I CAN'T USE IT LIKE SHIN-SAMA WOULD JUST YET.
AHAHA.
WHO IS THIS GUY...?
!?
jolt

NO, WAIT A MINUTE... THIS FEELING...
HORRIBLE
HE'S A SPIRIT...?!
HEHE.
OPEN
I'VE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS IN HER WAY.
I'VE GOT TO TAKE PART NOW THAT I'VE GOT THE CHANCE.
REACH
HEHE.

!!
SMACK
WAAH!
RUSTLE
TAKE THAT!
DASH
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
WHAT ARE THESE?
SNAP
WHOA!
SNAP

I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE AFTER THOUGH.
SO NOW THEY'RE ABLE TO GET INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING, HUH
huff
huff
TSUBAKI!
IN THIS SITUATION, BEING OUTSIDE WOULD BE BETTER THAN STAYING INSIDE THE LOCKED UP SCHOOL...
THANKFULLY THE PROTECTIVE TALISMANS WORKED
SQUEAK
SLUMP

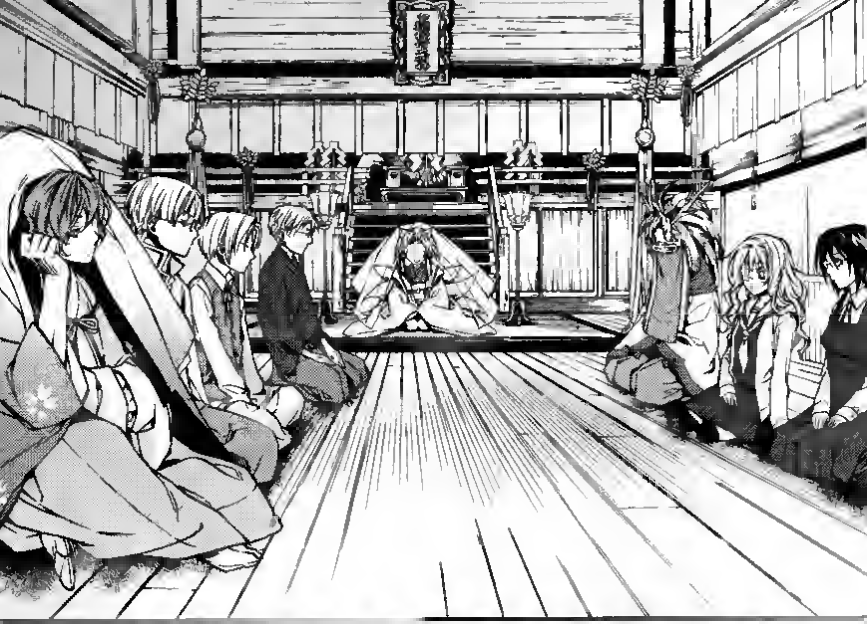
I'VE
CAUGHT
YOU.
SHIVER
AH...
SWOOSH

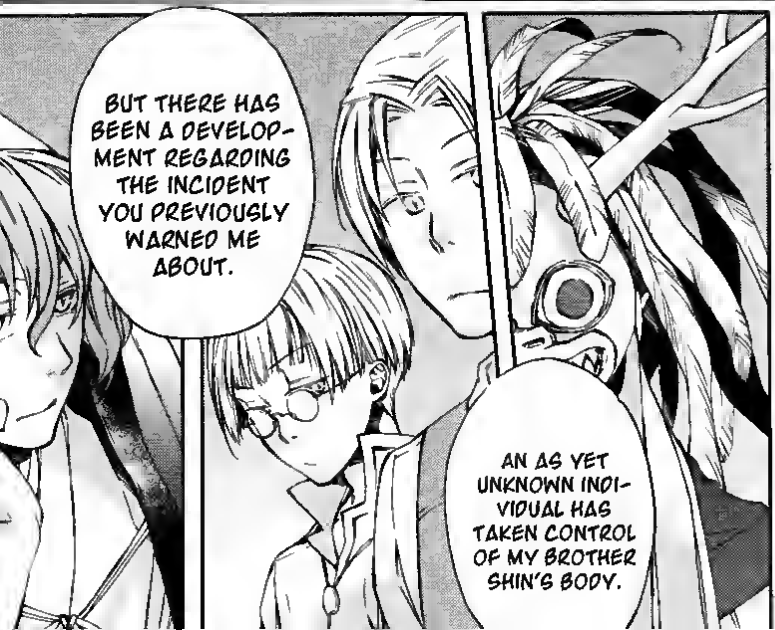
JEEZ. DON'T CAUSE ME TROUBLE LIKE THAT.
UH...
THUD
BANG
CLATTER
WHOA.
THOSE THINGS AGAIN.
They give me goose-bumps
I MIGHT EAT AFTER THAT GIRL FINISHES HER MEAL.
...HE DOESN'T LOOK THAT TASTY THOUGH.
...HEHE.
THAT HUMAN CARRIES SOME STRANGE THINGS WITH HIM.

OH?

KUROGI-TSUNE ISN'T AROUND..
I WONDER WHERE HE'S GONE TO.
AH.
MAGNIFIED
THE MAIN TEMPLE? IS HE GOING TO SEE MIKO-SAMA?
step
KURO...
thump

THANK YOU ALL
FOR COMING WHEN YOU'RE SO BUSY.
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR EVERYONE TO BE HERE...
SOME OF YOU MIGHT ALREADY KNOW THIS,




BUT THERE HAS BEEN A DEVELOPMENT REGARDING THE INCIDENT YOU PREVIOUSLY WARNED ME ABOUT.
AN AS YET UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF MY BROTHER SHIN'S BODY.

...I CANNOT FORGIVE THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK US.
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT, MIKO.
NOT AT ALL!
I'VE CAUSED TROUBLE FOR YOU BY NOT BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THIS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE EARLIER, SAKU AND NAGI.
THE SEAL IS STILL WORKING, DESPITE THE LOSS OF ITS CORE PART, SHIN'S BODY...
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT STRANGE THINGS HAVE SUDDENLY BEGUN TO HAPPEN IN TOWN.
WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION IMMEDIATELY. I WANT TO HEAR EVERYONE'S OPINIONS.
THE SHADOWS WILL SOON DISAPPEAR FROM THIS TOWN.

TOMORI
THE GUARD LIGHTS HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED, HAVE THEY?
NO, NOT AT THE MOMENT
MUTTER
THE CLUES WE HAVE ARE THAT HE TOLD YUE-KUN "I'LL TAKE BACK MY BODY" AND "WE'LL CONTINUE THAT OTHER THING"
IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND
WE'RE THE ONES WHO WANT HIM TO RETURN THE BODY HE'S GOT
MASHIRO!

WERE THOSE WORDS REALLY MEANT FOR YUE-KUN...?
PERHAPS THEY WERE AIMED AT SHIN-SAMA WHO EXISTS INSIDE OF YUE-SAMA?
YES, WE SHOULD CONSIDER THAT POSSIBILITY.
HE IS IN POSSESSION OF SHIN-SAMA'S BODY AFTER ALL.

WOULDN'T SHIN-SAMA BE THE ONE WHO HE SENSES A CONNECTION TO?
!!!
HE ALSO SAID "I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE IN THIS BODY"...
MASHIRO, KAGETSU.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHOCK
WHAT?!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT BODY BACK.

annoyed
THE FOUR OF YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO CAPTURE HIM?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT
RIGHT
25
WHAT? WE WOULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM RIGHT AWAY IF NAGI AND I HAD BEEN THERE FROM THE BEGINNING!
.....
AL-RIGHT
CALM DOWN, YOU TWO.
I MEAN, YOU FOUR?
HMM?
OH?

TWITCH
YUE
IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVE A GUEST.
EH?
THEY'VE ALREADY REACHED THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN.
GO QUICKLY
Yue?
AH., ALRIGHT THEN.
step step
Wait!
WAIT, YUE! I'LL COME TOO!
WELL,
ABOUT THAT MAN...

WE KNOW WHERE HE IS
IT'S AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS PLACE,
BUT WE MUST DRIVE HIM OUT THIS TIME, NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S YOUR JOB, SATO.
NAGI AND I WON'T GET INVOLVED.
TO BE HONEST, WE DON'T COMPLETELY AGREE WITH DOING THAT EITHER.

YUE'S PREDECESSOR DID HIS BEST.
BUT IT SEEMS THAT THIS TOWN HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT
EVEN IF THE SHADOWS WERE FORCED TO STAY OVER THIS TOWN
THAT PROBABLY WOULDN'T LAST LONG
BUT...

I STILL WANT TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
I WANTED TO PROTECT SHIN'S CREATION

UNTIL THE TIME IT WOULD FADE AWAY
I WONDER WHO'S COME TO VISIT.
COULD IT BE TSUBAKI OR AKIYOSHI?
THEY'RE NOT THE TYPE OF PEOPLE WHO'D COME ALL THE WAY HERE
AHAHA. I GUESS SO.
CLATTER
BLINK
!?

sob
sob
HINA-CHAN...?
EH...
SQUEEZE
HELLO, HINA-CHAN
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHERE'S YOUR BROTHER?
HMM? DID YOU GET SEPARATED FROM HIM?
ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
...YUE-KUN!
HELP MY BROTHER!
THE AKUJIKI ARE ATTACKING THE TWO BOYS!
TO BE CONTINUED
MAY ISSUE ON SALE APRIL 15 (MONDAY)!